



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takeshi SHIRAI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2872

Application No.: 10/569,207

Examiner: A. AMARI

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Docket No.: 127104

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**